

With a great congressional debate about broadband strategy, it is a time to be very cautious about making changes. In particular, the FCC under Michael Powell is sure to regulate very gently, so there are no practical barriers to Verizon (or other telcos) expanding under the present rules.

In particular, the public and the FCC require more information before making broadband policy. All telcos should identify throughout their territory what homes will and will not be served, so that provisions can be made to "bring advanced services to all Americans." The quality, pricing, and openness of that service must be confirmed.

I therefore urge the commission to continue fact-finding, rather than making changes at this time.